

What is claimed is:

1. In a caulking gun, the caulking gun having a cartridge filled with an extrudable compound to be dispensed, a plunger for forcing compound out of the cartridge, and a tip, the tip being configured to receive compound being ejected from the cartridge and to distribute the compound through a plurality of spaced-apart openings formed in an outlet portion of the tip, the tip having a pair of lateral edges defining a width of the outlet portion of the tip, the outlet portion of the tip including a planar surface,

the improvement wherein the tip includes a guide, the guide being located at one of said lateral edges, wherein at least a portion of the guide extends outside a plane of said planar surface.

2. The improvement of Claim 1, wherein the tip includes two guides, positioned at opposite lateral edges of the tip, the guides being oriented in mutually opposite directions relative to the outlet portion of the tip.

3. The improvement of Claim 1, wherein the guide includes a generally planar wall, wherein the planar wall defines a surface which is generally perpendicular to the planar surface of the outlet portion.

4. The improvement of Claim 1, wherein the guide has a thickness, and wherein the width of the outlet portion of the tip is at least ten times greater than the thickness of the guide.

5. In a caulking gun, the caulking gun having a cartridge filled with an extrudable compound to be dispensed, a plunger for forcing compound out of the cartridge, and a tip, the tip being configured to receive compound being ejected from the cartridge and to distribute the compound through a plurality of spaced-apart openings formed in an outlet portion of the tip, the tip having a pair of lateral edges defining a width of the outlet

portion of the tip, the outlet portion of the tip including a planar surface,

the improvement wherein the tip includes a guide, the guide being located at one of said lateral edges, wherein the guide defines a planar surface which is non-parallel to the planar surface of the outlet end of the tip.

6. The improvement of Claim 5, wherein the tip includes two guides, positioned at opposite lateral edges of the tip, the guides being oriented in mutually opposite directions relative to the outlet portion of the tip.

7. The improvement of Claim 5, wherein the guide has a thickness, and wherein the width of the outlet portion of the tip is at least ten times greater than the thickness of the guide.

8. A caulking gun assembly, comprising:

a) a cartridge for storing a compound to be extruded from the assembly,

b) a plunger for ejecting the compound from the cartridge,

c) a tip connected to the cartridge, the tip having an outlet portion and a pair of lateral edges, the outlet portion defining a planar surface which extends between said lateral edges, the tip including at least one channel for receiving the compound from the cartridge and for extruding the compound through a plurality of openings formed in the outlet portion of the tip,

d) the tip including at least one guide, located in a vicinity of one of said lateral edges, the guide extending outside a plane of said planar surface of the outlet portion of the tip.

9. The caulking gun assembly of Claim 8, wherein the tip includes two guides, positioned at opposite lateral edges of the tip, the guides being oriented in mutually opposite directions relative to the outlet portion of

the tip.

10. The caulking gun assembly of Claim 8, wherein the guide includes a generally planar wall, wherein the planar wall defines a surface which is generally perpendicular to the planar surface of the outlet portion.

11. The caulking gun assembly of Claim 8, wherein the guide has a thickness, and wherein the outlet portion of the tip has a width which is at least ten times greater than the thickness of the guide.

12. A tip for a caulking gun, comprising:

a) a shank defining a passage for extrudable material,

b) an outlet portion, connected to the shank, the shank defining a fluid passage which is in communication with a plurality of passages formed in said outlet portion, the passages terminating in a plurality of spaced apart openings, the outlet portion including two lateral edges and a planar surface extending between said lateral edges,

c) at least one guide, connected to at least one of said lateral edges of the outlet portion of the tip, the guide extending outside a plane of said planar surface of said outlet portion.

13. The tip of Claim 12, wherein the tip includes two guides, positioned at opposite lateral edges of the tip, the guides being oriented in mutually opposite directions relative to the outlet portion of the tip.

14. The tip of Claim 12, wherein the guide includes a generally planar wall, wherein the planar wall defines a surface which is generally perpendicular to the planar surface of the outlet portion.

15. The tip of Claim 12, wherein the guide has a thickness, and wherein the outlet portion has a width which is at least ten times greater than the thickness of the guide.

16. An attachment for use with a conventional caulking tip, the

conventional caulking tip comprising a shank connected to an outlet portion, the outlet portion including a plurality of internal channels which terminate in a plurality of spaced-apart openings, the attachment comprising a body having clips for attachment of the body to the conventional tip, the body having at least one guide, the guide being positioned such that the guide is located in a vicinity of a lateral edge of the outlet portion when the body is attached to the conventional tip, and such that the guide extends outside a plane of a surface of the outlet portion.

17. A method of applying an extrudable material to an elongated structure, comprising:

a) providing a tip having an outlet portion defining a lateral edge and a planar surface, the tip having a guide connected to the lateral edge, at least a portion of the guide extending outside a plane of said planar surface,

b) connecting the tip to a caulking gun,

c) engaging the guide with an edge of an elongated structure, and

d) extruding a material from the caulking gun while moving the tip along the elongated structure, while holding the guide in engagement with the edge of the elongated structure.

18. A method of applying an extrudable material to an elongated structure, comprising ejecting extrudable material from a caulking gun while moving the caulking gun along an elongated structure, and while also holding a tip connected to the caulking gun in engagement with an edge of the elongated structure, the holding step being performed by engaging a guide, connected to the tip and extending outside a planar surface of an outlet portion of the tip, with the edge of said elongated structure.